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STRENGTH. WISDOM. BEAUTY.

(THE THREE PILLARS)

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."—Ps. CXXVII., 1.

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## NOTES AND NEWS.

"The Spirit of the Reformation," by the late Sir John Campbell, was the title of an address given before the Association at the annual meeting in June, 1905. In it was advocated the organisation of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church, and a strong Sustentation Fund. Thirty-two years afterwards we perceive that both of these have been realised. Sir John Campbell was one of the finest type of laymen we ever met with, and though our community be small it possesses laymen, such as any denomination would be proud of. Dr. Campbell, as he was then, was unsparing in his efforts to materialize the scheme he had advocated, and in about a year after this Magazine appeared—for the finances of which he made himself responsible for several years—under the able editorship of the Rev. Alfred Turner, who bore the brunt of the hard pioneer work for over thirteen years. The appeal for the Sustentation Fund was made through these pages. An article by the Rev. Joseph Worthington, the Secretary of the Fund, was followed by an article by the present Editor, describing the first Sustentation Fund, which was in connection with the Free Church of Scotland, in which was told an anecdote as given by one who heard it from Dr. Guthrie himself, but never before published. As the procession of the Secessionists, at the Disruption, walked out of the Assembly Hall, an old woman raised her withered arms and blessed them. "I have been young and now am I old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." With the inspiration of those words still thrilling the new Church met and was constituted, and its first business was to establish its Sustentation Fund. In Ireland, to use Dr. Campbell's own words, our own Fund "has invigorated many of our isolated, struggling congregations." The Rev. Alfred Turner was succeeded by a series of very capable and devoted editors. The Rev. D. J. Williams has had a long ministry among us, and made the Magazine a living force while he was editor. Dr. Campbell, in the course of time, considered that the Church itself should take over the paper. It was then realised how generous had been the support given by Dr. Campbell, and experience had to be gained, but the denomination is small, and more than once the discontinuance of the paper was on the verge of being decided. Whoever may take on the office of editor will find the task not an easy one. We are grateful for all the help and encouragement we have received; but we will be thankful when the Synod has made choice of a successor.

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**The Annual Sunday School Conference** will be held at Killinchy on Saturday, June 5th, 1937, at 3 p.m. Address on "The Puzzle of Creation" and demonstration of Class Teaching will be given by Rev. J. Hinkins, M.A., of

Crumlin. The Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. A. L. Agnew, will preside. Collection for Conference funds. Tea sixpence. Buses leave Upper North St., Belfast, at 1.30 p.m.; return 5.49, 7-49, and 9.19 p.m. Return fare, 1/8.

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**The Anniversary Services** of the First Church, Rosemary Street, Belfast, will be held on Sunday, June 6th, when the special preacher will be the Rev. W. H. Drummond, D.D., LL.D., of Oxford. Dr. Drummond, who has been recently in Germany in connection with the "World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches" and been in touch with some of the church leaders there, will speak at the evening service at 7 o'clock on "The Religious Struggle in Germany and its Meaning for us," and visitors will be welcome. This struggle between the Christian Faith and the worship of Race and State is one of the most vital issues for the future of European religion and for Christianity. Indeed it involves the future of humanity and the question of war or peace as the path of progress for mankind. The whole Christian Church is concerned with the conflict now being waged in Germany.

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The following message from the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland was despatched May 10th:

"On behalf of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland, we desire to express to your Majesties on the occasion of your Coronation our devotion and loyalty, and wish you a long and happy reign.

"(Signed) A. L. Agnew, Moderator.
"J. D. Davies, Clerk."

The following reply was received:—

"The King and Queen are much gratified to receive your message of congratulation on the occasion of their Majesties' Coronation, and desire to express their warm thanks to all who joined in these good wishes.—Private Secretary."

## THE DIVINE WISDOM.

Ps. xcv., 6: "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

## THE RIGHT HON. JOHN M. ANDREWS, D.L., M.P.

In congratulating Mr. Andrews on his appointment as Minister of Finance in Northern Ireland we feel that we are rightly expressing the genuine pleasure and hearty good-will of our religious community. For very many years Mr. Andrews and family have given wholehearted and devoted support to our Church in Ireland. In his own congregation, Mr. Andrews is Chairman of Committee, and a member of other Committees in the denomination. As Minister of Labour his name was a household word throughout Northern Ireland, and he has come very close to the lives of the people. In that term there were years of anxiety and industrial depression, unavoidable and involving much acute suffering, and greatly increasing the responsibility of the Minister of Labour in the many problems with which he was suddenly confronted. For sixteen years Mr. Andrews filled that position, and made that Department, which at the beginning he himself initiated, efficient and successful. Mr. Andrews entered the Parliament of Northern Ireland at its formation, and during those years of loyal and efficient service he has won the respect and friendship of all the political parties, and he has now earned a well-deserved promotion in being appointed Minister of Finance in succession to the late Right Hon. H. M. Pollock. We have every confidence that he will bring to his new office the same ability and devotion to duty that has characterised his long service in the Ministry of Labour.

## SUBSIDY FUND.

Contributions should be addressed to the Rev. A. Davison, Dromore, by whom they will be gratefully acknowledged.

Half-yearly Subscriptions now due, which the Manager will be glad to receive.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS.

**Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15th-16th**

Tuesday, 2.30—Association of Non-Subscribing and Free Christian Churches, in the First Church, Belfast.

4.30—Remonstrant Synod of Ulster, in First Church.

5.30— Tea, to which delegates and visitors are cordially invited.

8.0—Synod Lecture by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Flower (late Professor in Manchester College, Oxford).

Wed. 10.30—Communion Service in the Central Hall, Belfast.

10.30—Communion, Rev. Dr. Agnew officiating.

11.0—Synod of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

A luncheon will be provided at 1.30 and a tea at 5 p.m.

7.30 — Conversazione in the Central Hall.

These meetings, it need not be said, are exceedingly important, and all friends within access of Belfast should make an effort to attend.

## REPORTS.

**Downpatrick.**—Rev. Ralph Philipson, of Wallasey, occupied his old pulpit in Downpatrick Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church on Sunday, 5th April. In the Assembly Hall on Monday evening, at a social re-union, Mr. Philipson lectured on "Some Holiday Impressions of the United States." A sumptuous tea was served to over 200 persons. The programme was a capital one. Especially engaging were the children in "Ten Little Nigger Boys" and "Pa and Ma." Encores were responded to by Miss Porter and Mr. Waterman, vocal soloists, and Miss Meta Hutton, Ballydugan, pianoforte, and Leslie M'Mullan, recitations. Miss Beth Briggs was very graceful in a coronation dance. Miss Marie Henry, A.L.C.M., is to be congratulated on the splendid way the children were trained. Thanks were accorded the numerous helpers; also to Mr. Robert Chambers, and Mr. Terence Gardner at the lantern.

In Downpatrick Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church on Sunday, and in many other places of worship, reference was made to the coronation ceremonial. Kingship still preserves more than a suggestion of being hedged round by divinity. Rev. G. Vance Crook, preaching from Exodus xii., 26, and Hebrews i., 8-9, explained in detail the splendid age-long ritual to be unfolded in Westminster Abbey. Concluding, the preacher said:—The King makes his coronation vows upon the Bible, and at the conclusion is presented with a copy of the Scriptures which is described to him as "the most valuable thing that this world affords." Our late beloved King George V. set an example in his regard for the Word of God. On his own authority we have it that he read a passage from the Bible every day of his life, in fulfilment of a promise made to his royal mother. None of us can afford to neglect its pages. It is the mirror in which we see ourselves as we really are. To read the Bible regularly would be a splendid coronation year resolution. Salute the flag. The greatest of all national emblems is the Union Jack, a composite flag, combining the three national standards of England, Scotland, and Ireland. To-day it provides a rallying point for a family of nations, owning a common allegiance. The King! "A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy Kingdom." National hymns were heartily sung by the choir, capably led by Miss M. Henry.

**Banbridge.** — The Y.P.L. is much alive and going strong here. All its members are keen, and labour together to ensure success for their ventures. Recently the Church distempered, painted and renovated the two large rooms. The Y.P.L. determined to furnish these. Money was absolutely necessary. Result: Two variety performances, the second being by request as the first was such a success; and a dance. The old stage was enlarged, new scenery and footlights prepared—all by their own voluntary labour. And the money made from the dance came from the tickets sold only. There was no begging for cakes, as is

usual on such occasions; the members baked their own! Two farces were presented: "Sarah's Young Man" and "The Colonel's Consent;" recitations, dances, songs, and duets completing a long but delightful programme. The Editor would probably state this report was held over for want of space were we to detail the individual merits of the performers. Let it be simply and truthfully stated that they were all meritorious. These efforts were not for themselves alone. From part of the proceeds the Y.L.P. bought a second-hand organ and presented same to the Moira congregation.

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**Moira.**—A congregation such as the Church has not seen for a long time assembled here on the last Sunday of the month. Five wonderfully packed cars brought members of the Y.L.P. from Banbridge. The occasion was the presentation of a second-hand organ by this Y.L.P. to the Moira people. The gift was as unexpected as it was undoubtedly appreciated. It had only arrived in Moira the day before. The old organ had been past effective service for some time, and the splendid gift put new heart into this small body of faithful worshippers. Mr. Godding, as president, in a few words, made the presentation, and Miss Weatherall, in a felicitous speech g,ratefully accepted on behalf of the congregation. Many of the Banbridge choir were present and, inspired by this and the new organ, both the musical and vocal efforts were such as the four walls of this dear old Meeting House had seldom heard. There was no desire to hurry away immediately after service, and the Moira people were anxious to let it be known to all their visitors individually how really grateful they were both for the gift and their presence. Rumour has it that this is probably the first of other visits of Banbridge friends to the Moira services.

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**Ballyhemlin.** — A very successful Guest Tea, followed by a musical programme, was held in the Orange Hall, Ballyhalbert, Co. Down, on Friday, March 19th. A sum of £34 5s 0d was taken, and after deducting expenses, more than £28 was handed over for the recent repairs to heating apparatus in the Meeting House. The Hostesses wee Miss M'Master, Mrs. Bailie, Miss E. Anderson, Mrs. Smith, Miss D. Gilmore, Miss Fullerton, Mrs. Thompson, Miss M. O'Neill, Miss Hazel Brown. The musical part of the programme was presided over by the Rev. W. H. T. Tilson, M.A., of Greyabbey, and was of a very talented order, which was sustained right through. The Belgiavia Quartette took the leading place. This Quartette is occasionally heard over "the wireless," and is well-known known throughout Northern Ireland. Other items, including duologues, violin solos, songs, recitations, were supplied by local friends. The hall was packed, and the audience was evidently well pleased.

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**Moneyrea.** — The Dramatic Society performed the comedy "The Jailbird," by George Shiels, to overflowing audiences on Friday and Saturday nights, April 2nd and 3rd in the Lyttle Memorial School. The cast was well chosen, and everyone in it played his or her part magnificently. "The Jailbird" is not an easy or a light comedy, and the actors deserve the highest praise for the able way they presented it. It was a great success. The characters were as follows:—Dan Farn, the Jailbird, James Maxwell; Mary Anne, a widow and dressmaker, Miss B. Kennedy; Martha, her daughter, Miss M. Strain; Lily, an apprentice dressmaker, Miss M. Lappin; James Kelsey, a farmer, Edward Fisher; Mrs. Kelsey, his wife, Miss M. M'Farland; Mr. Chesney, a returned American, J. J. Stewart; Charlie, a quarry man, Thomas M'Auley; Mr. Bunton, a solicitor, Robert Fisher; Miss Jean, a lady, Miss M. M'Clure; police sergeant, Albert Fisher. The members of the Dramatic Society wish to thank the ladies who entertained them to tea after the performance each night, and also Mr. Frame, the school manager, for the use of the school.

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**Templepatrick** — After a long and honoured service as Minister to the Huddersfield congregation, Mr. Peaston has left for Templepatrick, North of

Ireland, in March. We are sorry to lose him from the district, for he has been a wise and valuable counsellor in the Yorkshire Union affairs, a loyal colleague in ministerial matters, and a man who has commanded the love of all who were privileged to know him intimately. With undoubted ability, he has presented papers for the edification of his ministerial fellows, written the most remarkable minutes of the discussions at our quarterly meetings, and at all times proved himself a right good friend. He will be with the warm-hearted North of Ireland folk where, we hope, that he and his family will be happy, and that the good work may proceed. We shall treasure the memory of his fellowship with us, and breathe a benediction as we think of him.—"Calendar," Mill Hill, Leeds.

**Ballyhemlin.**—The annual May sermon, from the text, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," was preached on Sunday, May 9th. Collection for English Sustentation Fund.

**First Church, Belfast.**—The 295th annual report has been distributed in a booklet of 27 pages. Reports of the activities are given under their various headings. £1,985 9s 8d has been raised during the year and paid out. We notice there is a large number of E.S. members on the list.

**Ballycarry.**—A very successful Cake Fair and Sale of Work was held in the Badminton Hall, Ballycarry, on Saturday, May 1st. Mrs. Richard Miniss, of Larne, gracefully performed the opening ceremony and also presented the prizes to the successful winners in the various competitions. The Rev. W. G. Marsden was in the chair. Mary Millar presented Mrs. Miniss with a suitable gift to express the gratitude of the League for Mrs. Miniss's kindness in coming to Ballycarry. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Marsden and seconded by Miss Service, and was carried with acclamation. The members of the League were assisted by the choir and various friends. Mrs. Alex. M'Kee and Miss Perry very ably undertook the management of the reception of cakes and the disposal of same. They were assisted by Mrs. Feeney and Miss M'Duff. The arrangement of the Sale was carried out by Mrs. John M'Kee, ably assisted by the various members of the League. Mrs. Willie Millar, hon. secretary of the Women's League, was responsible for secretarial portion of the work entailed, which was very efficiently carried out. Mr. Robert Millar acted as door-keeper. The young men of the congregation were responsible for the Bean Board and shooting, etc. Mr. Donaldson of Carrickfergus, kindly supplied a Radio entertainment.

**Moneyrea.**—All the children of the Lyttle Memorial School were given a splendid tea and Coronation medals by Mr. Hugh Frame, the manager, and Mrs. Frame, on Tuesday, May 11th.

The annual Choir and Dramatic Society excursion took place on May 12th, Coronation Day. The party went to Buncrana via Londonderry, by bus, where they enjoyed being tanned by the warm sunshine on the shores of the Atlantic, and on their way they had the opportunity of seeing the ancient city of Derry, and of standing on its historic walls. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. M'Cartney and Mr. James Maxwell.

**Mountpottinger.**—On March 22nd a concert arranged by Miss Adelaide Beattie in aid of the church funds was given in the Central Hall, when a large audience enjoyed a most excellent programme. The success of a similar venture in our own Schoolroom about twelve months previously encouraged Miss Beattie to undertake this more ambitious scheme. The chair was occupied by the Minister, Rev. F. Munford, B.A., who in his opening remarks, referred to the generosity of well-known local artistes in responding to Miss Beattie's request for their co-operation, and remarked that it was typical of those who met at the B.B.C. Studio and elsewhere. Those contributing to the programme were Miss Adelaide Beattie (soprano), Miss Sadie Jamison (con-

tralto), Miss Letty M'Comb (elocutionist), Mr. David M'Alpin (bass), Master Sterling Mortimer (boy soprano), Mr. Wm. Gillespie (violinist), and the Mayfair Glee Singers, all of whom gave of their best. Mr. Geoffrey Deale was an excellent accompanist. The concluding item on the programme was a humorous Irish sketch entitled "O'Donovan's Ceilidhe," presented by the Church Players. Those taking part were Misses D. M'Minn, N. M'Cullough, A. Beattie, Mrs. J. Allen, with Messrs. L. Watters, W. Watters, L. Watters, jun.; J. M'Ilwrath, E. Beattie and W. Gillespie (violinist).

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**Domestic Mission.**—The visit of Rev. J. H. Weatherall, M.A., of Manchester College, Oxford, for the Mission Annual Sermons and Business Meeting was of special interest to our members, some of whom remember his early association with the Mission, and his father's devoted work on their behalf. Rev. Weatherall's reminiscences of his early days in the district brought back to the older members happy memories of the past. We hope that the circle of interest in our work may be enlarged as a result of the informing and earnest appeals made by this distinguished son of a former missioner. The Easter season brought together all our families — though we regret that sickness prevented some members from joining in the services on Easter Sunday. In the afternoon the programme was supplied by teachers and pupils of the Sunday School, under the direction of Mrs. J. Sherlock, organist, and Mr. F. M. Pett. A unique feature of the service was the presentation of a Baptismal Font, suitably inscribed, to the Church by teachers and pupils. Rev. W. Howard Payne, representing the Management Committee, in accepting and dedicating the Font, thanked the school for their interest in the Church. He then gave an interesting address on the meaning of Easter. Mr. J. Radcliffe, a student for the ministry of our Church, conducted his first service in the Mission recently. We are proud of the honour of introducing this most promising young man to the pulpit, and from the reverent and interesting manner in which he conducted the service we predict for him a bright future. The winter session of our Literary and Debating Society has just finished with the general opinion that it has been the best since organisation.

Mr. W. Grant, M.P., on "The work of the Northern Government," and Rev. W. Howard Payne on "World Peace," provided material for animated discussion.

The cup for oratory was won by Mr. J. S. Rodgers.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of gifts from Mrs. Leith, Mrs. Hay, and an anonymous donor during the past month.

The annual competition for members of the Boys' Club were held early in the month and called forth keen interest on the part of those taking part. The entries in all sections showed an increase on past years.

In the Junior and Senior Elocution Classes the contests were close. The handicrafts were of a high standard, a number of exhibits receiving special praise by the jujdges. Six medals were awarded to the successful competitors.

Rev. W. Howard Payne and Mr. J. Radcliffe were the adjudicators. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Mr. J. Gilleland, leader of the Club; Mrs. Sherlock and Mr. A. Doggart for their devoted work on behalf of the boys.

"Mother Day" was observed on Sunday, 9th May, when the teachers and pupils of the Sunday School gave an interesting programme of readings, recitations and musical items. Flowers were worn in honour of mothers.

The address was given by Mr. J. Radcliffe, and based on the Fifth Commandment—"Honour thy father and thy mother." W. E.

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## OBITUARY.

### Miss Annie Margaret M'Caw.

We have to record the death of Miss Annie Margaret M'Caw, of Wellington Avenue, Belfast. She died on April 14th, 1937. She was the third daughter of the Rev. John M'Caw and Mrs. M'Caw, of Killinchy. Mr. M'Caw was minister of Killinchy many years ago. The funeral took place in the family burying place of Killinchy on Friday, April 16th, 1937, in the presence of a good number of her nephews and certain of the friends, the Revs. R. N. Cross, J. D. Davies, and D. J. Williams. The committal was conducted by the Revs. R. N. Cross and J. Davies. Miss M'Caw was many years ago the agent who took charge of the Depository in Rosemary Street, Belfast. She acted as agent in the Depository during the long years in the most satisfactory manner to a large number of our Churches who required her assistance. We regret the passing away of an old resident, who was a member of three Churches of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

D. J. W.

### Mrs. Elizabeth Ada Furey, Ballydian.

The congregation of Rademon suffered the loss of one of its old members, when Mrs. Furey was called away on April 28th in her seventieth year. For some time she had been in indifferent health, suffering from an affection of the heart. During her last illness she was attended with great devotion by her daughter Mary. Everything which medical skill, kindness and attention could do to prolong her days was ungrudgingly done, but the end was inevitable. Her funeral was attended by four sons and four daughters and many grandchildren. She was a good mother, a faithful wife and a sincere friend. Her four boys and one daughter all lived until lately in Dublin. One girl is a hospital nurse in London. Two girls are married. One girl, Mary, remained at home with her widowed mother, and to her especially in her loneliness, and to all members of the family the deepest sympathy is extended.

### Master Robert Porter Duff, of Crossgar.

That was the name he received in baptism, but everybody knew him as Bob Duff. He was a bright and promising lad of twelve years, with an interest in Natural History, and in all other things which appealed to a normal boy of that age. He was attentive to his studies, much liked by his teachers, and a favourite with the people of the district. Because of slight trouble in his neck he was taken to the Infirmary on Sunday morning, where he was made comfortable and suffered no pain. He wrote letters to several of his youthful friends on Wednesday. On Thursday morning it was thought desirable to carry out a slight operation, and on the table Bob collapsed. The suddenness of the end added to the weight of the blow to his mother and father and sisters and brothers. The whole village was thrown into mourning. The little children flocked into his home to walk around his coffin. His schoolmates followed the hearse all the way to Rademon Meeting House Green, carrying beautiful wreaths. In front marched the members of the Boys' Brigade in uniform, and stood at the salute on the path whilst the coffin was being carried into the Church. It was a moving sight to see the crowds of people taking their places in the pews, and to notice their reverent demeanour during the short service. Tears were in the eyes of many as the minister spoke of the sorrow which was common to the community, and of the sympathy felt for the bereaved family, and of the hopes based on our religion. The sunshine was pouring down and the birds were singing as the words of committal were pronounced beside the open grave. Around, in a dense crowd, stood the little children, boys and girls, many of them too young to understand, but all sorrowing because the bright face of their friend and companion would no more be seen. The Revs. J. Glynne Davies, of Comber, and W. M'Clure, of Crossgar, officiated in the home, and J. Joseph Magill in the Meeting House and at the graveside.

May 1st, 1937.

### Mr. Robert C. Kerr, Warrenpoint.

"Newry Telegraph," in two succeeding issues, devoted half-a-page each to reports of funeral and memorial service, conducted by Rev. J. M'Cleery, B.A., S.T.M. The funeral cortege was the largest seen in the district for some time; on Wednesday, 14th, death occurred in Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry, on Monday 12th; caretaker of Warrenpoint Town Hall for 28 years, also for several years shops' inspector. Lifelong member of Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church. Large attendance of Orange Order and officials and workmen of Urban District Council. Was treasurer of congregation for over 30 years. His rules of life were indicated by the care he took of his health; until last few weeks had no illness. Honest, useful work, made efficient by good system. Lived simply, paid ready money. Gave as little trouble as possible, was an exemplary patient. Founder member of Protestant Benevolent Society. Tribute paid to him at Urban Council meeting. Memorial service, church filled; preacher's subject: "The dead still speak." References were made to Greenfell of Labrador and Schweitzer of Africa, and so forth, has no dread of the change that men call death.

### Mr. William Orr.

The death is announced of Mr. William Orr, late Resident Magistrate, whose presence, almost with unbroken regularity, at the meetings of Synod was noted. His father was Clerk of the General Assembly. Mr. Orr was a life-member of the Historical Society, and regarded the Upper Vestry of the First House as the mecca of Presbyterianism in Ireland, because of the portraits which cover the walls. He was a fine scholar, and an extremely attentive hearer at any of the special sermons in our Church, verifying what he had heard from the originals and from commentaries. He possessed a copy of the Tichendorf Manuscript. He also had a collection of letters by notable people. There were a number of letters in the handwriting of Queen Victoria, one of which he read to us, addressed to Archbishop Tait, in which the Queen strongly disapproved of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, being referred to as the Church of Scotland, and very severely took the Archbishop to task for having used a title which only belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

J. B.

### Mr. John Boucher, Ballygowan.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Mr. John Boucher, which took place on Monday, May 17th, at his residence, Hollycroft, Ballygowan, in his 67th year. The deceased was a well-known farmer, who was highly respected by all classes in the neighbourhood. He was a fine type of a man, kindly, genial and modest; one whom everybody trusted, and one who served and loved his Church. He was one of the old stock of Moneyrea. All his life he had been a faithful member of the congregation, and of Ravara; also a member of the Church Committee, and a trustee, and until five years ago, when his health failed, he was actively interested in the social life of the church and neighbourhood. His death is a serious loss to the Church, whose members deeply sympathise with the sister and two brothers in their sorrow.

### Lady Campbell, Craigavad, Co. Down.

Lady Campbell passed away at her residence, Craigavad, Co. Down, on May 20th. The late Sir John Campbell, who died in 1929, subsidised this Magazine, under the editorship of the Rev. Alfred Turner, for many years, until the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church made itself responsible for its further support. For three years prior to her marriage Lady Campbell, who had qualified in medicine in Belfast and Edinburgh, practised in Belfast. With Sir John, Lady Campbell took a deep interest in the work of the Samaritan Hospital. Her sons, Robert and William Stewart, have passed through brilliant University careers, the former in Agriculture, and the latter, just the night before Lady Campbell's decease, passed for the degree F.R.C.S. (London). Lady Campbell, however, appeared too weak to grasp the meaning of the telegram.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Ulster District was well attended on Friday, March 19th, in the Rosemary Hall, Elmwood Avenue, Belfast. A successful year was recorded. The following office-bearers were elected:—

President—Mrs. G. Gardiner, B.A., Holywood.

Secretary—Miss E. Hind, Comber.

Treasurer—Miss Laird, Belfast.

Fellowship Secretary—Mrs. G. Davies, Comber.

Friendly Links—Miss Munn, Comber.

Publicity and Publications—Mrs. F. A. Robinson, Holywood.

Miss E. Hind, District Secretary, was presented with an oak writing bureau and the statuette "Two's Company," by Miss Praeger, R.H.A. The presentation was made by Miss Armstrong, the retiring treasurer, who conveyed the best wishes of all the members for a happy married life. Miss Hind expressed her appreciation of the gifts and the kindness and affection which lay behind them.

Mrs. Begg, of Larne, was appointed Delegate for the Ulster District to the annual meetings in London.

An American tea, opened by Miss R. Praeger, R.H.A., was held after the meeting. This proved an enjoyable and successful event, although a number of members were prevented from attending owing to abnormal weather conditions. The proceeds were for the funds of the Ulster District Women's League. R. J. B.

**Mountpottinger.** — The monthl meeting of the Branch was held on Monday, February 22nd, when Mrs. F. Munford gave a very interesting address, taking for her subject "Spring and Spring Cleaning." She based her talk on the story of Persephone, and drew for us a most delightful picture of what spring should really mean to us, "The renewing and making clean of our material possessions." At the close of the address Mrs. Munford dealt with the spiritual aspect of the subject, taking for her text, "Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me." There was a very good attendance of members, and all expressed their appreciation of Mrs. Munford's helpful address. On Monday, 9th March, Miss W. J. Sayers, B.A., addressed the members on "Our responsibilities as Christian citizens." Miss Sayers dealt with her subject from various points—"The present inadequate housing accommodation for the poorer classes," "The cruelty of vivisection, and the demoralising effect on anyone taking part in the terrible experiments which are being made upon dumb creatures," "The shocking results of drinking cheap wines." Miss Sayers dealt so thoroughly with her subjects that one could not help feeling that our responsibility is great, and that we ought to do all in our power to eradicate the terrible conditions in which our fellow creatures, less fortunate than ourselves, are existing. Miss Sayers strongly urged that all women who have the privilege of a vote should use it, and vote for the members who will work for better conditions of society. Mrs. Munford presided, and at the close of the address referred to many interesting points touched upon by Miss Sayers. A vote of thanks was passed by the Secretary and seconded by Mrs. Russell.

The closing meeting of the Session was held on Tuesday, March 16th, when a Kitchen Shower and Social Evening was held. There was a very successful "Bring and Buy Sale," after which the members partook of tea, which was followed by games and musical programme. Mrs. John Allen, as usual, gave very great pleasure with her singing; Miss Moore recited and kindly responded to many requests. Mrs. Munford gave a reading, which was very much enjoyed. There was a good number of members and friends present, although the weather was most winterly. All expressed their delight with the evening's entertainment. K. F.

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## UNITED SERVICE.

Under the auspices of the N.S.P. Church and Men's League, the annual United Service was held in the Ulster Hall on Sunday evening, May 9th. There was a good attendance, and the collection amounted to £21. Dr. A. L. Agnew presided, and Rev. W. H. Townley Tilson, M.A., and the Rev. J. Glynne Davies took part in the service. The special preacher was the Rev. Herbert Barnes, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Report of sermon held over to next month.

## INCARNATION v. AT-ONE-MENT.

Mark and John begin "the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the Baptism. Ancient teaching declares Jesus to have then become the Christ. "One not by conversion of Godhead into flesh, but by the taking of manhood into God." Then was He lifted up, then became He the Christ." In Mark and John, miraculous birth not mentioned; hence in these Gospels not essential to "Incarnation." Archdeacon Wilson in his Hulsean Lectures showed "At-one-ment" and "Incarnation" to be one and the same thing.

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